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## JOB OFFER: Euro-Argo Partnership Relation Officer

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**Responsible:** Sylvie Pouliquen - Programme Manager

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### Context:

The Euro-Argo ERIC is a European Research Infrastructure Consortium with a legal statute registered at the European Commission since May 2014. Euro-Argo aims to ensure the sustainability of the overall European contribution to the Argo international programme – deploying and maintaining a global network of autonomous oceanic instruments (profiling floats).

In the oceanographic domain, Euro-Argo missions are 1/ to promote and coordinate the Euro-Argo strategy and to develop an implementation plan within the Argo international context, 2/ to promote the scientific results achieved by Euro-Argo partners, and 3/ to coordinate joint scientific activities that have been defined by the Euro-Argo Management Board and endorsed by the Euro-Argo Council. Some of these activities are carried out within European projects, currently being:

- [Euro-Argo-RISE](#) (Euro-Argo Research Infrastructure Sustainability and Enhancement)
- [ENVRI-FAIR](#) (ENVironmental Research Infrastructures building Fair [Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable] services Accessible for society, Innovation and Research)
- [ERIC Forum](#) (Bringing European Research Infrastructures together)
- [EuroSea](#) (Improving and integrating the European Ocean Observing and Forecasting System)
- DOORS (Developing Optimal and Open Research Support for the Black Sea)

Euro-Argo is one element of the Landscape of European Research Infrastructures and needs to further develop collaborations with other Research Infrastructures as a contribution to the European Ocean Observing System. Moreover, Euro-Argo is essential for both scientific and operational applications. Strengthening link with this wide variety of stakeholders is essential for a smooth development of the Euro-Argo ERIC.

To strengthen its professional and dynamic team based in Plouzané, France, the Euro-Argo ERIC Office seeks to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated **Engagement and Partnership Relation Officer** with substantial experience. The successful candidate will be familiar with the European environmental science landscape, be experienced in the development and sustaining of partnerships, and have sound skills in stakeholder engagement.

### Missions:

She/He will be in charge of the continuous development of the Euro-Argo Research Infrastructure: sustain and build partnerships (public, private, etc.), develop networking actions targeting different key Euro-Argo stakeholders as well as strengthening the coordination with the European observation infrastructures, service providers and users of Argo. The recruited person will work under the supervision of and directly report to the Euro-Argo ERIC Programme Manager.

### Activities:

- Develop networking actions targeting different key Euro-Argo stakeholders: European Commission (DG, ESFRI, etc.), Ministries, downstream and upstream user communities, institutes and scientists members of the Euro-Argo ERIC, international partners, European coordination bodies, other European Research Infrastructures, etc.
- Contribute to the implementation of the [European Ocean Observation System EOOS](#), representing Euro-Argo ERIC at the Operations Committee, participate in the [EuroGOOS](#) network activities and

foster links with regional coordination (MonGOOS, IBI-ROOS, BOOS etc.) as well as EuroGOOS Task Teams and Working Groups

- Foster interactions with other European Research Infrastructures, in particular with Research Infrastructures of the Marine domain (e.g. EMSO, JERICO, ICOS, etc.), and the Environmental Research Infrastructures [ENVRI](#)
- Participate, when required, in European forums ([ESFRI](#), International Conference on Research Infrastructures) and represent Euro-Argo ERIC in the [ERIC Forum](#) network. Support the future ESFRI evaluation of the Euro-Argo ERIC (KPIs, socio-economic impact evaluation)
- Develop new funding opportunities for the Euro-Argo ERIC (lobby and setup of / participation to proposals for project funding (e.g. Horizon Europe, etc.)
- Keep a strategic watch on the development of observation systems, services and infrastructures close to Euro-Argo ERIC in the fields of physical, biogeochemical and biological oceanography, to foster coherence and simplify interfaces between Euro-Argo and the other observation infrastructures and services
- Support Euro-Argo contribution to public marine environment management policies when relevant

### Experience and Education requirements:

*The ideal candidate should meet the following requirements:*

- Acknowledged working experience in European research groups or initiatives or organisations, in particular within large European project consortia and programmes, in the field of environmental observations. Experience in marine observations is an asset
- A minimum of 10 years of progressively responsible relevant experience in the field of environmental observations or services in institutions performing earth observations
- Experience in coordinating, managing and implementing projects or programmes, desirably at the European or international level, would be an advantage.
- An advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent). A degree in Oceanography, Marine Science, Earth Sciences or a related field would be an asset.

### Expected skills / Technical competences / Knowledge:

- Ability to effectively interact with multiple stakeholders at national, international (and interdisciplinary) levels. Sense of diplomacy and negotiation.
- Excellent level of general and technical English. Skills in other European working languages are beneficial;
- Very good communication skills (oral and written) with proven ability to make effective and persuasive oral presentations to both technical and general audiences;
- Proven organisation, keen in working in team and under tight deadlines, and within an international environment context;
- Knowledge of European Research Programmes and of the European Research Infrastructures landscape. Knowledge and experience in European projects and funding schemes. Knowledge of *in situ* observing systems (from sensor to data) and associated research fields.
- Knowledge in physical and biological oceanography would be an asset.

### Personal Qualities:

- Real interest in coordination activities, teamwork, open mindedness in view of discussions with thematic technicians specialized in subjects differing from his/her own and with various cultural backgrounds.
- Excellent analytical skills, including ability to identify complex issues and advise on ways forward respecting the constraints of the organizations involved

- Proven ability to work both autonomously and as part of an integrated team with colleagues, staff and stakeholders at all levels, internal and external, including building and maintaining partnerships

### Working Environment:

Fixed term 18-month position, based at the Euro-Argo ERIC Office, Plouzané, France. Possibility of developing into a long-term position if the candidate is efficient.

The candidate will integrate into a 7 persons team: a Programme Manager, a Science Officer, 2 Engineers, a Communication Officer, a Project Officer and an Administrative Assistant.

Mainly office desk activities, with a high level of active participation (in person and remotely) to conferences and meetings (professional travels are planned whenever the pandemic situation will allow it).

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### Application:

Please send a Resume and Cover Letter to: [contact@euro-argo.eu](mailto:contact@euro-argo.eu)

Language: English

Format: pdf files

File naming: EA-2021-ERIC-*lastname*-resume.pdf and EA-2021-ERIC-*lastname*-letter.pdf

**Deadline for application:** August 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Interviews** will be organised end of August / beginning of September

**Start:** As soon as possible

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### More information:

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